के तहत पंजीकृत "सेना कल्याण आवास संगठन" तथा "वायुसेना नौसेना आवास बोर्ड" नामक दो सोसाइटियां स्व-वित्त-व्यवस्था के आधार पर सशस्त्र सेना कार्मिकों के लिए मकानों का निर्माण कर रही हैं। रक्षा मंत्रालय विभिन्न परियोजनाओं के लिए भूमि खरीदने के वास्ते इन सोसाइटियों को ब्याज पर ऋण देता आ रहा है। सशस्त्र सेना के सेवारत तथा सेवानिवृत्त कार्मिकों के लिए इन सोसाइटियों की सदस्यता खुली हुई है। आवास-विकास वित्त निगम जैसी वित्तीय संस्थाओं से आसानी से ऋण प्राप्त करने में आबंटियों की सहायता करने के लिए ये सोसाइटियां संस्थाओं द्वारा यथाअपेक्षित उपयुक्त त्रिपक्षीय करारों पर हस्ताक्षर कर गारंटीकर्ता बनती है।

राज्य सरकारें युद्ध में वीरगति प्राप्त सैनिकों के आश्रितों यथा युद्ध में निशक्त हुए कार्मिकों को मकानों के निर्माण/मरम्मत के लिए वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करती हैं। राज्य सरकारों द्वारा दी गई वित्तीय सहायता की पचास प्रतिशत राशि की प्रतिपूर्ति सशस्त्र सेना झंडा दिवस निधि से की जाती है। यह राशि प्रत्येक मामले में अधिकतम 10,000/- रुपए होती है। इसके अतिरिक्त, जिन भूतपूर्व सैनिकों तथा दिवंगत सैनिकों की पत्नियों की आर्थिक स्थिति अत्यंत दयनीय होती है उन्हें मकानों की मरम्मत के लिए रक्षा मंत्री कोष से 5000/- रुपए तक की वित्तीय सहायता दी जाती है।

**Percentage of GDP constituting budget on defence**

7254. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI JANARDAN YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINSITER be pleased to state:

(a) die percentage of GDP constituting the budget on Defence by India, China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Myanmar during the last four years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the annual increase in the budget does not fully cover the inflation during these years; and

(c) whether Government are aware of the recent purchases of sophisticated weapon by Pakistan and in what manner Government propose to meet the threat to the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The Defence Expenditure as a percentage of GDP for the countries in question is as given below:—

| Year | India | China | Pakistan | Srilanka | Myanmar |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1990 | 2.90 | 5.42 | 7.16 | 5.48 | 4.18 |
| 1991 | 2.66 | 5.52 | 7.74 | 4.84 | 3.63 |
| 1992 | 2.49 | 5.10 | 7.70 | 4.89 | 3.07 |
| 1993 | 2.78 | 5.53 | 6.96 | — | — |

(The figures for China are as percentage of GNP)

The annual increase in defence expenditure of India for the last four years in relation to the prevailing rate of inflation is as follows:—

| Year | Def. Expenditure (Rs. in crores) | % increase in Defence Ex-penditure over previous Year | Rate of Inflation |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1991-92 | 16347 | 5.97 | 13.6 |
| 1992-93 | 17582 | 7.55 | 7.1 |
| 1993-94 | 21845 | 24.25 | 10.5 |
| 1994-95 (RE)* | 23544 | 7.78 | 11.4 |

*The rate of inflation for 1994-95 is as on 4th February 1995.

Government is aware of the developments in the neighbouring countries and keep under constant review the threat assessment and all developments having a bearing on the country's security with a view to take appropriate measures to safeguard our national security interests.

**Army jawans made to work as grave diggers**

7155. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the report, appearing in the 'Times of India' dated the 23rd April, 1995 about Jawans in Kashmir being used as grave-diggers; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 3rd October, 1994, eight terrorists including six Afghan nationals were killed in an encounter with the security forces. Their bodies were handed over to the State Police authorities for identification. As there were no claimants, the bodies were buried in the presence of village elders and maulvies. At the request of the Police, the Army rendered assistance in the burial as is the practice under such circumstances. There is no information available to suggest that these bodies were later exhumed. In any case, Army jawans *were* not used for the same. No humilitation has been faced by the Army jawans.

**Gun Carriage Factory, Jabalpur**

7256. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some of the employees of Gun Carriage Factory, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, are indulging in proxy business in the names of their kith and kin to acquire the supply orders of various items viz. upholstry etc., since they have easy access to the sensitive defence organisations in Jabalpur;

(b) whether it is a fact that these employees have been working in Jabalpur station for a long time, somehow averting the transfer orders to serve their business interests; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government such as frequent transfers of the employees indulging in such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) No such case has come to notice of the Government.

Transfers of officers and staff belonging to groups A, B and C are made periodically with a view to rotating them among factories. Due action is taken in all instances of malpractice or indiscipline coming to light.

**Depletion of defence projects**

7257. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have, seen a report in weekly magazine The Week' of first week of May regarding the depletion of defence projects of Tanks, Warplanes and Long-range Guns; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken to keep the defence forces with required equipments, Tanks, Guns and Warplanes and also enough spare parts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY 6F DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Modernisation of Armed Forces, including upgradation of critical weapon systems through refurbishment, technological updatioa and selective introduction of strategically improved force multipliers, is an ongoing process.